RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

THE "AMERICAN CHAPEL" IN BERLIN.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE HERALD. Opening of the New Church Edifice-The Ser vices and Sermon.

BERLIN, Nov. 7, 1867.

As was announced on Saturday by that many sided immortal, "The Committee," in the notice appended to my letter of the same evening "opening services were held in English in the new chapel" last Sunday. As the invitation was printed in a German newspaper, it was seen by very few Americans, and but for some Germans who had strayed in the congregation would have been rather small. Thanks to these strangers the attendance was fully two hundred. Rev. Dr. Newhall, of Middletown, Conn., offered the long prayer, and Rev. Dr. Horst, from New Jersey, but now of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in Bremen, preached the sermon from Romans i., 16. At the close of his discourse the reverend gentleman said that it was often remarked at home that those who have been absent in Europe are very apt to have lost their Christian warmth and zeal while far from their accustomed alters. That at least one denomination in the United States was willing to supply a place where our countrymen can keep alive the fire of Christian love, so that they may return to their friends and homes having sacrificed nothing of their ardor for the cause of Christ, but rather having gained new strength by the way, was proved by the erection of the sanctuary wherein they stood, and by the solemn services in which they had This seemed so much like planting the banner of one sect and claiming the new church for one of the outposts of the speaker's own peouliar faith, that not a few of the congregation exchanged expressive glances, and some looked at the broad, new hymn books, conspicuously let-tered on the backs and on the sides as "Methodist

Fearing, perhaps, that his younger friend had been a little over zealous, the Superintendent, Dr. Jacoby, a portly man of fifty, wearing a velvet scullcap, ascended to the desk to observe that while the new edifice had been crected for the use of the German Methodists in Berlin, a promise had been given to Governor Wright, to whose influence the church mainly owed its existence, that it should be at the disposition of the Americans and English once every Sunday. "Their committee." be added, "will have control of the services, and we will do nothing to introduce sectionalism into

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These judicious words did not, however, prevent some from taking offence at what had gone before, and refusing to join in the communion which followed. The entire administration of the sacrament was a new example of the difficulty of performing the solient occurency without following a regular ritual, a difficulty that is so great that nothing less than the most delicate that is able to oman, whom one could have thought to a good man, whom one could have thought to a good man, whom one could have thought to a good man, whom one could have thought to a good man, who and moderate one disturbed on a communion Sabbath which he spend in the country, by a burly farmer who passed the hallowed bread and wine with hands covered by course buckskin gloves. Far more discomposing than such a circumstance was the conduct of those who officiated on this occasion. Before and during the service there were consultations in loud whispers and a going to may from the second at the service there were consultations in loud whispers and a going to may from the second at the service there were consultations in loud whispers and a going to may from the second the service there were consultations in loud whispers and a going to may from the second the second that the service there were consultations in loud whispers and a going to may from the second the second to the table of the second the second to the second the second to the consultation of the consultation of the distribution of the class of the second the second to the consultation of the table to all Christians should certainly be a feature of every "union church," but doubly so in a foreign land, as any one would any who saw the lace which her ease the second the

nicely cushioned.

Among these present at the English services were Rev. Mr. Cramer and wife. Mrs. Cramer is the sister of General Grant. During their stay here both diaed with Mr. Bancroft and Consul Kreissnau. A gentleman who met them during their visit says that they talked with astonishing familiarity of "brother Ulysses," whom they fain would have claimed as a republicas, although they did not seem quite warranted in doing so.

THE SYNIGOGUES YESTERDAY.

Congregation Baith Israel, Brooklyn. There was but a small congregation of the people of Israel attached to the congregation of the synagogue Baith Israel, situated at the corner of Boerum and Dean streets, Brooklyn, at the services held there yesterday morning. The congregation in question does not number more than one hundred persons, though the synagogue, which was erected in 1862, has seats for the accommodation of two hundred and fifty persons. The edifice is about forty by fifty feet in size ; a plain, unpretending structure of brick, painted brown, and is

which is on Boerum street, is reached by circular steps. On ascending the latter, you enter a narrow hallway from which at either end there are stairways to the gallery, while three narrow doors open into the ceremonial hall of the Jewish house of worship. To the unsophisticated Christian the first glimpse of the interior of a synagogue during the progress of their peculiar services is one of no little gmbar-rassment. The hall in question is square, or nearly so: directly opposite the doorway is the Ark, which is draped with damask curtains, on the east side of the building. In the centre of the square space formed by the seats which line three sides of the synagogue, is an elevated stand or platform on which the Rabbi and two officers of the congregation officiate. The men wear the usual white flowing garments, and with a variety of cell shaped and old fashioned hats present a curious study to one who, for the first time, witnesses their ceremonials. With regard to the enforcement of the Mosaic law in respect to the prohibition of sitting barcheaded in the synagogue they are very strict, and half a dozen will at once spring forward to instruct the ignorant Christian who may be so far forgetful as to doff his chapeau in their presence. One peculiarity worthy of notice among the Hebrew devotees is an extraordinary penchant for taking a pinch of sauff during the psalm singing, and even the Rabbi's assistant will frequently beckon to some one in the assemblage, who will bring forward his anuff box, and with a smile and nod both will partake of its contents quite liberally. There would seem to be but little restriction on conversation, which is indulged in at frequent points during the services. The enforcers of the Borrum street synagogue are as follows: President, M. Bass; Vice-President, Mr. Ascher; Cashier, Mr. Feirch; Secretary, Mr. Kaleisch; Teacher, Adolph Kerchier. The services yesterday morning were the usual ceremonial incident to the Mosaic cosmogony, commencing at ten o'clock and lasting for two hours, They opened with the inherent parent. The services steps. On ascending the latter, you enter narrow hallway from which at either end there are stairways to the gallery, while three

Congregation Bethelohim, Brooklyn. The services at the Synagogue Bethelohim, in Pearl street, between Concord and Tillary streets were of a similar order to the above named. The attendance was not numerous. Indeed it rarely is the case, except on holidays, that the Jows, generally speaking, feel it imperative on them to attend synagogue. The Rabbi George Bandenstein officiated yesterday morning.

The Temple Emanuel.

A rather quaint and uncommon edifice, of Moorish or Saracenic pattern, and modeled perhaps more closely upon the Alhambric style than any building of like purpose existing in this city, has been for some time in process of construction at the corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-third street, upper corner, west side of the avenue. This building, which is of unusual and commanding proportions, is to be dedicated to the Jewish worship under the anaptices of the congregation of Emanuel, and will be called Beth Emanuel, or the "Temple of God-with-un." The temple, which is five the year 1888, has a frontage on Fifth avenue of eighty feet, of which some twoive feet is devoted to the main entrance surmounted with the crescent en Mauresque, or rather spanned with the crescent en Mauresque, or rather spanned with the crescent en Mauresque, or rather spanned with the peculiar curve which romantle Arabs pretend to have borrowed from the contour of the new moon. The extreme height of the building, exclusive of minarets and prinnacles, or oriental turrets, will be minety feet from foundation to ridge. To this height must be added the height of the pinnacles of the town in front, which will not vary materially in under thousand in the United States, and possess a number of excellent theological semi-time. State, where revivals are in constant progress and additional churchs being established. A newspaper organ of the church, is a fortige at the language of the completed probably in the course of the year 1888, has a frontage on Fifth avenue of eighty feet, of which some twoive feet is devoted to the main entrance sufficient of the properties of the town of the course of the properties of the town of the properties of the town of the course of the town of the properties of the properties of the town of the properties of the pro been for some time in process of construction at posed of exceedingly slender columns, in clusters, and of the purest Moorish order, a species of bolumn not varying materially in general effect from the "Romantic." The middle of the front, which has all the kinks of fantasy common to the Moorish, terminates at the apex or ridge with a box, cornered by clusters of columns so as to form a tower of considerable dimensions, and square. The roof, after the manner of the middle Gothic, is moderately sloping, the sides being divided, as is often the case in Gothic, which is of near kin to the Oriental, by a jag, into two stories, making the building a tritle narrower on the second story than on the first. This, of course, necessitates the division of the windows into two tiers. These are essentially Moorish, with clustered columns, quaint capitals, which, though somewhat shorter than the ordinary Romantic capital, are carved after the usual manner of that style, often strange and wandering in ensemble as a Hindeo pagoda or a palace of Ispahan. In fact, the Romantic is too essentially a derivative from the Oriental idea not to afford data for accurate comparison in describing the Oriental itself, and especially the Persian, Moorish and pure Saracenic phases of it. The windows, to take up and tie the broken thread of the description, are tall and Gothically narrow, and will be of course paned with painted glass; and the general anatomy of the building is siender as that of the latter Gothic, which had more ornament than solidity, upon which to hang ornamental devices.

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The extreme length of the edifice is one hundred and eighty feet, making an area at the base of fourteen thousand and four hundred square feet—an area larger than that occupied by any aynagogue in the city, few sacred edifices of any kind exceeding it in this respect. The sides are ornamented with invoived columns of Moorish pattern, insinuations of columnar projection and nothing more than that. The height of the ceiling, which will be asspended from crescent area upheld by tall saracenic columns, will be seventy feet above the floor of the nave, making the columns which uphold it about sixty feet from base to capital. The minarets are none of them of exceeding height. Nor is this appendage, as many suppose, necessary to the Moorish, having been first used or engrafted upon the style as an innovation by Alwaled the First. The building is question belongs to M. Labord's second period of the Sarscenic, which prevailed in the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth centuries—the first period, from the rise of Islamism to the alinth century, reflecting the minaret, and the third, terminating with the expulsion of the Mahometans from Spain, representing the decadence of that style, upon which not a little of the Gothicism of feeling which pervaded the Middle Ages was based.

The roac window appears upon the Fifth avenue front, though the device is not so elaborately wrough as is generally the case in Gothic—traceries, of cefera, being more sparingly used; and, on the whole, the weird, erratic, morbid aspiration of tothic feeling is well reproduced, and without exaggeration or caricature, into which the modern hankering for the mediaval in effect is apt to degenerate. The minarets—for minarets must be mentioned in the Moorish—are hardly lefty enough for the difference of the coling which prevailed in the second temple, with its gates of gold and Gorinthian brase,

ing roof which divides the two stories, and which rests against them midway as they climb toward the crescents upon which the ceiling is sustained. It is intended upon this general anatomy to superadd a combination of coloring, carving and gilding which shall exceed anything of the kind ever erected in the city, but of this, which is as yet in embryonic condition, nothing definite can be written at present. The length of the interior will be one hundred and six feet. Messrs, Fernhar and Elditiz are the designers of this spleadid structure, which is expected to be among the postlicat of its kind in the city.

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Congregation Shaner Hashamolo. The usual Saturday morning service was cele-brated yesterday at the Shaner Hashamola synagogue in Rivington street, near Orchard. The pastor, the Rev. E. Sessier, came into the altar place at half-past eight o'clock, and the usual place at half-past eight o'cleck, and the usual song, or canticle, was sung, and then followed the morning prayers and the chapter from the Pentateuch set apart for the day. There was no sermon or discourse, and in the afternoon service was again celebrated. The code of worship in this synagogue is according to the regular old Mosaic form, and no choir, or music, or any modern innovation tended to alter the form of worship. Shortly, the usual festivals will commence.

A THOUGHTPUL SUCCESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-As you seem interested in religious matters, I wish you would suggest to trustees of churches the idea of making them free one Sunday in each month. Pew holders, if sincere doers as well as hearers of the Word, would not object when they consider how many in this great city stay away from church through utter inability to pay for a

seat.

Let the churches be thrown open freely the first Sunday in each month, and you will see them thronged. No more half filled pews and listless hearers. The ministers would catch tha spirit, and perhaps the dawn of the millenium be visible even to Dr. Cummings' expectant eyes. Yours truly,

A PEW HOLDER.

A RIDICULOUS STORY.

A statement has appeared in several New York papers to the effect that the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is to preach at the Church of the Holy Trinity (Episcopal), corner of Montague and Trinity (Episcopal), corner of Montague and Clinton streets. It was further stated that Mr. Beecher was to be made a test case of between the high and low churchmen, and that he had agreed to hold forth at the Church of the Holy Trinity upon the invitation of the rector, Rev. Dr. Little-John. This is simply a fabrication, or an effor. It seems, however, that Mr. Beecher was announced to lecture at the Church of the Holy Trinity in New York, and the presumption is that if the statement above given be an error, it emanated from this latter announcement of the New York lecture. Mr. Beecher will preach before the merachants of Brooklyn, at the Academy of Music, this evening.

Rev. Samuel L. Caldwell, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church in Providence, has been elected to the Professorship of Ecclesisatical History in Newton Theological Seminary.

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The Baptists of Maine recently held the third annual session of their "Ministerial Institute" in Thomastown: The session continued seven days, and was attended by about sixty ministers and pastors. The institute has been successful in affording a class of ministers who have not had a thorough course of training, invaluable opportunities for the discussion of instructive-practical and dectrinal topics.

CAMPBELLITE.

This persuasion numbers between four and five hundred thousand in the United States, and

COVERECATIONAL

A new local association of Congregational churches was organized on Friday, Nov. 15, at West Vigo, Michigan. It takes the name of "Central Association," comprising within its bounds all the churches in the central portion of the State.

The First church in Charlestown, Mass., Rev. J. B. Miles, pastor, has just cleared off its debt

J. B. Miles, pastor, has just cleared off its debt of about \$6,000, and is soon to have a chime of sixteen bells, \$8,000 having been provided for this purpose by a friend in Boston.

Rev. H. M. Storrs, D. D., was dismissed from his pastorate in Cincinnati by the council called by himself and his congregation. The church made strong opposition to his dismission, but the council finally endorsed his removal, though with "deep regret and unleigned Christian and affocate sorrow."

The will of the late B. W. Greene, of Hartford, bequesths about \$3,000 to the Congregational church in Bristol, R. I., for the relief of the poor of the church.

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Rev. J. E. Rankin, of Charlestown, Mass., urges

a closer attention to church discipline, "not so much for the purpose of cutting off members as to reclaim them." This leading aim of all discipline in the church should be constantly kept in view.

LUTHERAY.

Many Sarrage's With In the last will and testament of this eminent reformer occurs the following remarkable passage:-"Lord God, I thank thee that thou hast been pleased to make me a poor and indigent man upon earth. I have neither

poor and indigent man upon earth. I have neither house, nor land, nor money to leave behind me. Thou hast given me wife and children, whom I now restore to thee. Lord, nourish, teach and preserve them as thou hast me."

The Lutheran church at Harper's Ferry, Rev. D. A. Kuhn, pastor, has been "reconstructed," and was reconsecrated November 10.

Rev. A. Copenhaver, formerly of Boonsboro, Maryland, has removed to McAllisterville, Juniata

Maryland, has removed to McAllisterville, Juniata county, Pennsylvania. Cyrus Thomas and P. M. Stevens were ordained by the Synod of Southern Illinois at its late meet-

The new Methodist Church in Freeport, Ill., was dedicated on the 17th ult. The edifice is of brick and cost \$21,000. Of this sum \$13,000 was subscribed on the day of the dedication.

Rev. A. P. Mead and Rev. H. Hall dedicated New A. F. Mead and Mev. H. Hall dedicated a new cherch at Pipestone Creek, Michigan, on the 14th ult. The cost of the building was \$2,500. The Methodist church recently built in Detroit, Mich., at a cost of \$108,000, was dedicated, the 17th ult. by Bishop Simpson. The Centenary church in Minneapolis, Minn., erected at a cost of \$27,000, was dedicated on the 17th ult.

PRESBYTERIAY.

The Presbyterian states that the late Mrs. Sushi H. Thorn, of Carlisle, Pa., left \$21,500 in specified bequests to benevolent objects. Among these are, \$1,000 to the Pennsylvania Bible Society; \$2,500 Enlesopal church in Cartisie; &c.. &c. The resi-

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The new edifice erected by the Presbyterian church of Ewing, formerly a part of Trenton, N. J., and the oldest of the Presbyterian churches in that city, was dedicated to the worship of God on the 20th ult.

Rev. E. B. Sherwood has resigned his charge of the church at Weston, Mo., to enter upon the missionary work which has opened along the line of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Hailroad. The towns upon the line of this railroad are receiving a large emigration.

REFORMED CHIRCH.

The question which has so long agitated the

Reformed Dutch church in this country in regard

to a change of name is finally settled. The Gene-

ral Synod met at Albany last week, by adjourn-

ment from the annual meeting in June, to receive

the reports from the classes on the proposed alteration; when it was found that of 32 classes,

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

The Immaculate Conception. Thirteen years ago to-day in the church dedi-

cated to his great predecessor the Prince of the Apostles. "Pius the Bishop Servant of the Ser-vants of God," published solemnly, in the presence of the College of Cardinals and of representatives

from all parts of the globe, the bull Ineffabilis

Deus, thereby setting the seal of the church on a

pious belief which had long been dear to the

Catholic heart. By that solemn decree he declared

Testimony to a Catholic Pricat. Among the beautiful presents given to Father M. M. Marco, the Catholic priest of La Crosse

Wis., last week, on the occasion of his birthday

was a beautiful Bible cloth, elegantly finished by hand embroidery on white satin—a present from

hand embroidery on white satin—a present from the General Mother Superior of all the Sisters of Notre Dame, in person. There were also a splen-did table cloth, with border worked by hand, and two silver coffee cups and saucers, and two silver goblets, all beautifully lined with gold, from two German ladies of La Crosse, in the name of the Ladies' Society of the Church, with an address in German verse.

Consecration of the Cathedral is Burlington

The consecration of the Catholic oathedral just inished at Burlington, Vt., is to take place to-day. The consecration sermon will be preached by his Grace the Right Reverend Archbishop McCloskey, of New York, at high mass, which will occur at half-past ten on the morning of the day of consecration. The immediate ceremonies will consence at six o'clock A. M. of Sunday, the cathedral being opened at nine o'clock. At six P. M. the procession; blessing of the statue will take place, and will be followed by a sermon by the Right Reverend Dr. McFarland, Bishop of the Sec of Hartford, Conn. Masses will be said at all'hburs from five to ten o'clock at St. Patrick's chapel.

UNITARIAN.

The Liberal Christian proposes a new and sim

Philadelphia Presbyterian, under the significant head of "Shameful," and on the authority of some

head of "Shameful," and on the authority of some other paper, says:

A few Sundays ago, in one of the New York Presby-terian churches, the place of the regular prima donna was temporarily supplied, during her absence by another. The new voice was the subject of conversation, as some of the worshippers begulied their homeward way, thus:

"Who was she!" "Who can she be!" The answer was:

"She is a young timid girl, quite unaccustomed to such a congregation. Did you, notice how she trembled?" It came out the next day that the timid young girl was one of the performers in the "Black Crook."

"Black Crook."

The "Black Crook" is something or other, we know not what, that is going on nightly in one of our minor theatres, and is said to be the most indecent of the spectacles, but just suited to the present tastes of theatre-goers. They have their theatre in Brooklyn, over the water from us, called the Academy of Music, and one of the newspapers as we. Rev. F. L. Patton has been installed pastor of the Pre-byterian church in Nyack.

The church in Pigeon Creek, Pa., is enjoying a refreshing revival. Forty persons have recently found peace in believing. The church is without a pastor, and a fine opening is presented for the proper evangelical graduate.

Mr. Josiah McDowell, late of Peters township, Pa., in his will recently admitted to probate, bequeaths to Rev. Thomas Creigh, D. D., of Mercersburg, his aged and honored pastor, a farm situated in Peters township, containing over two hundred acres.

Miss Florence A. Rice, the favorite cancetrice of Dr.

—'s Presbyterian church, had a spiendid benefit concert at the Academy on Monday night. She received some rich presents on the occasion. She was assisted by Patuson, Thomas, Simpson and Mme. Martinez. The audience was very large and proportionately enthusiastic. situated in Peters township, containing ever two hundred acres.

The third church in Pittsburg, Pa., though now without a pastor and engaged in building a new and costly house of worship, has just made its annual contribution to the cause of home missions, consisting of \$5,150. The church has given a call to the Rev. F. A. Noble, of St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. A. S. Wood, a graduate of Auburn seminary, who has preached for more than a year to the Presbyterian church of Verona, Pa., has been installed pastor of the congregational church at Suspension Bridge.

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The London Musical Standard has had its attention arrested also by the progress of the Holy Opers in the United States, and says, under the head of American choirs:—

Mr. Brock, the well known minister of a large denominational chapel in Bloomsbury, has lately visited the United States. In the course of some remarks upon American church music he mentions visiting a church the choir of which consisted of four persons, two indies and two gentlemes. By this choir a hymn of Wesley's was sung in the manner following:—The first man sang the first line, the first lady mang the next, the other lady sang the third line and the last man completed the verse. The effect may be imagined.

And the same progress in the high art of church music has been attained in some of the London churches. One of the papers says:—

A visitor at the church of St. Catherine Cree was astonished, a few Sundaya ago, to hear the Litany prefaced by a long tenor solo, "rendered by a professional gentlems," and followed by the performance of another solo by a young lady, standing upon a stool or hassock for the better elevation of her person. As the music took up much time, the clergy man announced that he had not time left to peach his aermon in full, but he would have it printed.

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The regular opera is beginning to feel the effect of this church rivalry. Our Academy of Music was opened last Monday evening, after being close a week or two on account of the strike in the chorus singers. On Monday a young gentlemen called upon a lady friend and asked if she would go with him to the opera that evening?

"O no," said she, "I went twice yesterday."

"Why, you forget," he said; "yesterday was Sunday."

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"Yes, I know," she answered; "but I went to
the holy opera."

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

the reports from the classes on the proposed alteration; when it was found that of 32 classes, 22 had voted aye, 6 had voted nay, and 4 had not reported. The Synod, after a long and earnest debate, voted 117 to 7 to ratify the amendment by which the word Dutch is atruck out of the church name. The word Protestant, which has been generally supposed to belong to the name, is also dropped, and the body is to be known as the Reformed Church of the United States of America. So that we now have the German Reformed Church, representing such of the German and Scandinavian churches as were originally Calvinistic; the Reformed Presbyterian Church, a small body of Scotch origin, and the Reformed Church, representing the churches which sprung from Holland. The closing speech of the debate was made by the venerable Dr. J. M. Mathews, of this city, the oldest clergyman in the Synod. He took the ground that the name Dutch had long been an obstacle to the growth of that denomination, and that it was now the question, not of preserving the record of the past, but how to render most effective service to the Master. The change is opposed by many of the wealthiest members of the church.

Rev. William Rankin Duryce has declined the chair of history in Rutgers College.

The collegiate church in this city has invited the Rev. J. L. McNair to take the exclusive charge of the North church on Fulton street.

Rev. N. M. Sherwood, of Paterson, N. J., has accepted a call from the Reformed church of Cold Spring, N. Y. [From the Norwich (Conn.) Advertiser, Dec. 4.]

The convocation of the Eastern division of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this diocese met at Christ church, in this city, on Wednesday. The Holy Communion was administered and Rev. Mr. Middleton, of Stonington, delivered a sermon. In the afternoon a business session was held. In the evening Mr. Irwin, of Willimantic, read the service and Dr. Hallam, of New London, preached. At Trinity church Rev. Mr. Middleton read the service and Rev. Mr. Magill, of Mystic Bridge, preached. The next convocation will be held in Trinity church on the first Tuesday in February. The committee on the division of the diocese met af half-past eleven A. M., and after deliberation concluded that the proposed division was inexpedient.

POLITICAL CLERGYHEN—EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

[From the Albany Argus, Dec. 5.]

The recent Thanksgiving was devoted by a portion of the clergy to political preaching. The divines took up the body politic as they would a turkey, plucked it, disembowelled it, stuffed it with sage and savory products, and roasted it and basted it and saved it and cut it up, and made way with it with exceeding great appetite.

We find an instance in one of our exchanges.

Dr. Thompson, of New York, in his Thanksgrving sermon, said:—"The convention that nominated Johnson ought to be impeached; the electors who voted for him ought to be impeached. For voting for him I have impeached, convicted and condemned myself many times. I had no business to vote for him without knowing who and what he was."

There is great lack of sense and knowledge

There is great lack of sense and knowledge here; but there is pienty of malignity, which deserves its reward. In the Constitutional Convention yesterday a proposition was made to prohibit, the exemption from taxation of any property on account of the calling of the owner, which aimed to do away with the exemption in favor of clergymen, which, first embodied into our system when that class were excluded from public office, is improperly retained now that so many have added the profession of politics to that of religion. It was lost on a tie vote, 47 to 47; but some absentess, favorable to the Proposition, have since taken their seats, and a question to reconsider lies upon the table.

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It is proper to say that one prominent delegate, a member of the clerical profession, voted to do away with the exemption. But Colonel Axtel has served in the army as well as in the church militant and probably felt no pride in drawing a penwithout a "shipwreck of the faith." They do not thereby introduce new doctrines which had not been known before; but their representatives, the pastors, declare what is and ever has been the faith of the Church. This was what has been done in the case of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, and that, too, with a unanimity truly remarkable.

The festival of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin has been long celebrated on December 8, and with increased solemnity and devetion since 1854. As the Catholics in this country regard the Immaculate Virgin as their special patroness, it is a special festival here, ranking as a double of the first class.

ERALLY.

Gratitude is the memory of the heart. Hope is the blossom of happiness. Desire is a tree in leaf, Hope is a tree in flower, and Enjoyment is a tree in fruit.

Eternity is a day without yesterday or to-morrow—a day without end.

Time is a line that has two ends—the cradle
and the grave,

God is a necessary being—the sun of eternity,
the machinist of nature, the eye of justice, the
matchless power of the universe, the soul of the

matchese world.

The rising of the sun is known by the shining beams; the fire is known by its burning; the life of the body is known by its moving; even so certainly is the presence of God's spirit known by the shining light of a holy conversation.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Washington laid the corner stone of a new hall last week, Judge Chase and Senator Wilson making addresses on the occasion.

Rev. Baptist W. Noel, having reached the age of three score years and ten, is about to retire from ministerial labors.

Walter Brodhead, a young man who received the succor and attentions of the New Haven Young Men's Christian Association, and proved his total deprayity by stealing from those who had befriended him, was arrested in Providence recently, and locked up.

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The Rappahannock Presbytery, which includes Alexandria and other places, and churches in Eastern Virginia, adjacent to Washington, has adopted the following resolution:

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Resolved. That in the judgment of this Presbytery, any difference in ecclesiantical privileges, founded upon race or color, is repugnant to the ascred Scriptures, and that the doors of this Presbytery are equally open to all classes for ordination to the office of the gopel ministry, according to the forms and usages of our church.

A Bible class was asked to name the precious stones named in the Bible. After several schelars had given answers, one little fellow called out, "Well, Thomas, what precious stones have you found?" "Brimstone," was the reply.

A tender conscience is an inestimable blessing; that is, a conscience not only quick to discern what is evil, but instantly to shou it, as the eyelid closes itself against a mote.

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Every family ought to have a religious paper, and the best one is the Sunday edition of the HERALD.

and the best one is the Sunday edition of the Herald.

He who gave Saturn his rings and placed the moon like a ball of silver in the broad arch of heaven, gives the rose leaf its delicate tint and made the distant sun to nourish the violet.

The foundation stone of the new Free Church for Dr. Canddish's congregation, in Edinburg, was laid by the Earl of Dalhousie a few weeks since. This building is to cost £31,500. This immense sum has been subscribed, with the exception of about £5,000. At a recent meeting of the church it was stated that the congregation had raised £160,000 since the disruption in 1843.

One of the chaplaius to the British force sent to Abyssinia will be the Rev. C. H. Blumhardt, who has been allowed by the Church Missionary Society to proceed to Abyssinia, his services having been asked for by Sir Robert Napler.

The Rev. Mr. Littlejohn, recently of this city.

and other primary meetings. The Chicago Times suggests a platform, say like the following:

Whereas, there is no orthodox Ministerial Union but come; and whereas, there is no orthodox heaves but ours; and whereas, there is no orthodox newes but ours; and whereas, therefox people are trying to get into our Union and our Heaven; therefore,

Resolved, We'll see them 4—d first.

Colonel Chivington, whose name is connected with some Indian massacre, has repented and gone to preaching again. He is located at Nebrasha City. His son was drowned in the Platte, agrandson was drowned at Denver, his wife died very suddenly at a camp meeting, and it is reported that one of his daughters was lately drowned while stepping from a ferryboat. He had also been unfortunate in his business transactions, having lost the accumulations of years. Considering all these afflictions as a visitation of Providence, he has asked and has been restored to the church with which he was formerly connected, and has assumed clerical duties.

Some time ago the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon preached a sermon on the text "And Mary wept." In the midst of a stream of carnest cloquence that drew tears from many of those present, in describing the character of the tears shed by Mary over the feet of Jesus, he broke suddenly off, and turning to his congregation, exclaimed, "The tears which Mary shed were not such tears as many of you pour out when you come to this altar. They came from her heart—they were tears of blood, and not

The London Daily News reports a numerous and induential meeting held at the Freemasons' Tavern to promote "common action among those who rely for the religious improvement of numan life on filial piety and brotherly charity, with or without more particular agreement in matters of doctrinal theology." The meeting resulted in the formation of the Free Christian Union.

At a Sabbath school in Illinois, lately, a young German girl was asked what the people said on the entrance of our Saviour into Jerusalem. After a moment's hesitation, brightening up, she promptly replied. "O Susanna."

Revivals and old grudges—Can they go together? No, not in the same heart.

The following little poem, full of religious sweet-ness, is from the genial pen of John E. Hatcher, formerly of the Hobile Advertiser, at present con-nected with the Louisville Journal:—

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The Angel of Sleep.
Be droop his plumy, snow soft wings.
He waves his batmy hand,
And wide the gate of silence swings.
That guards the shadowy land.
Forgot is Time, the sentine!
That stands outside the door;
The gloomy train of cares as well.
That clogued our atops before;
Oriver of oblivion!
Thy draughts are sweet and deep,
For Memory slumbers on her throne,
Rocked by the angel, Sleep.
There is a face whose loveliness

Rocked by the angel, Sleep.

There is a face whose loveliness
Is marred by bues of care;
But Sleep hath swept it with his kins,
And made it smooth and fair.

Thore is a worn and weary brain,
That rests until the morn;
There is a heart which beats with pain,
That feels no more foriorn.

O Death's fair brother! how divine
Must be that stumber deep,
More sweet, more calm, more free than thine,
When his beloved aleep.

THE AZTEC CLUB. of Members-Postponement of

List of Members-Postponement of the Meeting.

The contemplated December meeting of the Artec Club, which was to take place in this clearly in the present mouth, has been postponed until the fourteenth day of next September at the suggestion in common of its two modifications members, Generals Grant and Lee, as because of the absence in Europe of General George McClotlan. At the time berewith indicated the meetis will be held, and nearly all the then living member will be present and participate, under the chairmannh. will be present and participate, under the chairmanship of ex-President Franklin Pierce, should be then b alive, who was a full brigadier general of the United States army at the time of the formation of the clui in 1847.

will be gathered together and placed in print, together with a full report of the speeches and other proceedings as the dinner contemplated on the occasion. General Hagner, of the United States Amenal at Watervilet, N. Y., the present custodian of the several thousand dollars of the funds of the club, will resign his position and ask of the fands of the club, will resign his position and ask the appointment of a successor. Appended is an official list of the original members of the club, which was founded in the city of Nexico A. D. 1847 by the officers of the army of the United States, with the rank of each on the Mexican entry, who with the late General Scott entered that city in that year. The names of many men, since become eminent in both ever and military life, some of whom are now dead, are embraced in the list:—

Byt. Lieut. Col. John J. Lieut. Geo. W. Lay der Abercrombie.
Capt. Robert Allen.
Capt. Thomas L. Alexan-Capt. Thomas L. Alexan-Capt. Thomas L. Alexan-Capt. Capt. Rot. A. Luther, d. dead.

Capi. Moses J. Barnard,
dead.

Lapi. John G. Barnard.
Lieut. Geo. McLane, dead.

Lieut. P. G. T. Beauregard.

Lieut. Col. Francis S. Belton, dead.

Lieut. Barnard E. Bee,
Byt. Lieut. Col. John Mosros dead. Lieut. Col. Francis S. Bel-ton, dead. Lieut. Barnard E. Bee, roe, dead.
Lieut. Ford. S. Mumford.
Capt. Abraham C. Myers.
Bwt. Capt. Wm. A. Niohols
Lieut. Anderson D. Nelson.
Capt. Theodore O'Hara,
dead. dead.
Capt. Chaa. J. Biddle,
Capt. Geo. A. H. Blake.
Capt. Wittiam Blanding.
Capt. James S. Blanding.
Lieut. William B. Blanding.
Lieut. William B. Hair.
Cot. Milledge I. Bonham.
Lieut. Andrew W. Bowman.
Lieut. Andrew W. Bowman.
Lieut. Hachaliah Brown,
Geod.

deed.

Maj. Wm. H. Polk, dead.

Col. Wm. Preston.

Brig. Gen. Frankim Pierce

Brt. Capt. John C. Pem

berton.

Lieut. Fits John Porter.

Maj. Gen. Robert Patterson

Maj. Gen. John A. Quitman

Lieut. Robert C. Cauldwell, dead.
Lieut. Geo. W. Carr.
Capt. Dan'l T. Chandler.
Lieut. Henry Coppee.
Surg. Presly H. Oraig, dead.
Lieut. Bowell S. Grig dead.
Lieut. Alexander H. Cross.
Capt. Joseph Daniels, dead.
Capt. Geo. Deas.
Asst. Surg. David C. De Leon.
Byt. Lieut. Palent G. Galim.
Lieut. Robert Forsyth.
Lieut. Robert Forsyth.
Lieut. Cel. Thos. T Fauntleroy.
Capt. Richard C. Galim.
Major Patrick H. Galt, dead.
Lieut. Carrier P. Stone.

Lieut, Cel. Thos. T. Fauntieroy.
Capi, Richard C. Gatim.
Major Patrick H. Gait, dead.
Mayor John P. Gaines, deed.
Lieut, John W. T. Carrisers.
Lieut, Affred Gibbs.
Lieut, Col. Adley H. Gledder, Lieut, Li

dead.
Caps. Philip R. Tho Lieut. Peter V. Hagner.
Capt. Wm. J. Hardee.
Lieut. Schuyler Hamilton.
Capt. O. P. Hamilton, dead.
Lieut. Edun. L. Hardensten.
Lieut. John P. Hatch.
Capt. John S. Bathaway,
dead. Major Abraham Van Burea. Liest. Earl Van Dorn. Major Bichard D. A. Wade, dead, dead.
Lieut. Thos. Williams, dead.
Lieut. Oadmus M. Wilcox.
Lieut. John D. Wilkins.
Col. Jonas M. Withers.
Brevet Maj. Gen. Wan J.

Lieut, Rich'd P. Hammond, Lieut, Col. Paul O. Hebert, Capt, Joseph Hooker, Capt, John E. Howard, Worth, dead. Col. John S. Williams. Capt. George W. F. Wood. dead.
Capt. Benj. Huger.
Capt. Jan. R. Irwin, dead.
La. Cel. Jon. S. Johnston.
Lieux Lieuwellyn Jones.
Capt. Phil. Kenraey, dead.
Major Edm. Kirby, dead.
Major Samuel Woods, dead.

THE MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION.

[From the Yacoo (Miss.) Banner, Nov. 20.]

There seems to be some doubt whether or not the Convention is carried or defeated, though we are proud to know that the indications are decidedly in favor of its defeat. A despatch was received from Jackson, November 26, from a well informed gentleman, who maid that that the Convention was defeated we could bring set out big roosier and make him sound his clarion until the hills and valleys of old Yazoo would esho with his notes; but for fear we may be disappointed, we possess out in patience, with the confident sope that the cup of wee and degradation has passed unroughed from Hisparippi, and that her prood econtended is still fair and instruction.

The Liberal Christian proposes a new and simple form of admission to the Church as follows:

The old distinction between society and church had a meaning and a justification so long as only those belonging to the church were considered elect, or Christians. It has no meaning, no justification, in our liberal faith. We do not believe that the few who belong to the church and partake of the communion are saints, while the majority of the parish who ewn the church edifice, call and pay the minister, and bear all the burthen of the enterprise, are reprobates. We all know that many of the very best men and women in our parishes do not belong to what is called "the church." The distinction between church and society among us is a practical hindrance to the religious success of a minister. The sooner we get rid of this dead organization we have inherited from Calvanistic ancestors, or imported from foreign systems of faith, and build up our churches according to our own simple, beautiful Christian idea, the sooner we shall get rid of a great encumbrance and prepare the way for religious growth and our own proper religious and financial, the Christian Church, counting whoever attends its services a member of it, and welcoming him and his to all helping offices, activities and influence. been asked for by Sir Robert Napier.

The Rev. Mr. Littlefohn, resently of this city, will in all probability be the bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Long Island, which will be created, next year. He is now rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, the finest church in Brooklyn, and which has just been completed under his administration. to Princeton Seminary, for a scholarship; \$2,500 to the Gettysburg Lutheran Saminary, for the same purpose; \$5,000 to the Second Presbyterian church in Carlisle, for a parsonage; \$1,000 to the " THE HOLY OPERA." [From the New York Observer (high old Presbyterian.]
The newspapers, sacred and profune, the English and American, are just now giving their attention to the invasion of our churches by operationingers. Even our suber-minded brends of the Mission among the Jews in this country; \$1,000 each to the M. E. church and to the Protestant The Chicago Ministerial Union is going to have a latterm. This is right. It aircady has easterness